



CITY OF SEQUIM *News*

August 2011

Meeting Dates & Locations

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| City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center | 2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m. |
| City Council Study Session— Transit Center (when required) | 2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m. |
| Planning Commission Transit Center | 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m. |
| Parks Advisory Board PW—615 North 5th Ave. | 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. |
| Design Review Board PW—615 North 5th Ave. | 2nd Wednesday 5:00 p.m. |
| Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Transit Center Conf. Room | 2nd Monday 11:00 a.m. |
| Centennial Committee Transit Center Conf. Room | 3rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m. |
| Sequim Speaks Transit Center Conf. Room | 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m. |



Music and Movies in the Park Continue Through August

Tuesday evenings throughout the summer
6:00 p.m. James Center for the Performing Arts
Water Reuse Demonstration Park

Tuesday, August 2—Old Sidekicks (Country)
Tuesday, August 9—Kevin Lee Wagner (Folk, Rock and Blues)
Tuesday, August 16—Deadwood Revival (Old Time Folk)
Tuesday, August 23—Electric Blue Sun (Original Jazz Fusion)
Tuesday, August 30—Stardust Big Band (Big Band and Swing) with dance lessons by Carol Hathaway —Movie TBD

August 8 City Council Meeting Cancelled Next City Council Meeting August 22

Welcome New Employees !

Norm Simons—Police Officer 7/16/11 (temporary)
Jack Dodge — Senior Planner 7/19/11
Troy Saghavi—Engineering Tech II 7/25/11



**City Offices will be closed on
Monday, September 5 in celebration of
Labor Day.**

The City Updates Long-Range Financial Plan

The City of Sequim recently updated its long-range financial plan to include 2010 actuals and 2011 projections based on year-to-date actuals. The plan assumes a slow economic recovery, which means some services will still be at reduced levels in 2012 and 2103. The plan confirms that the actions taken while preparing the 2011 budget, a small reduction in staff and a small increase in the utility tax, were adequate changes and the plan remains on target to reasonably balance expenses to revenues despite lower development related revenues (construction sales taxes, permit/planning fees). The long-range plan includes a revised equipment replacement schedule that will be phased in over the next couple of years as revenues improve with an improving economy.

The city's long-range financial plan is designed to help the city maintain financial stability through inevitable economic cycles. This allows the City Manager and City Council to take a longer view of economic cycles, rather than focusing on one budget year at a time. By looking long term the city can make corrections now that will carry through over the next six years. The plan gives the city the tools to make better budget decisions to ensure long term financial stability.

The city is beginning work on the 2012 budget and intends to present the Sequim City Council with a balanced budget for 2012.

Following is the schedule for budget related upcoming public hearings:

October 24 – Public Hearing on Revenue Sources
November 14 – Adopt Property Tax Levy and Fee Ordinance
November 14 – Public Hearing on Budget
November 14 – Adopt Budget
November 28 – Adopt Budget (if not adopted on November 14)

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Customer Satisfaction surveys were mailed at the beginning of July to randomly selected households. If you received the survey, thank you to everyone who filled it out and returned it. The purpose of the survey is to determine how satisfied City of Sequim customers are with city services and to help the Sequim City Council and city staff establish future priorities. Results of the survey will be reviewed at the August 22, 2011 Sequim City Council Meeting.

Parks and Recreation Survey

A Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment survey was mailed to randomly selected households in the City of Sequim and surrounding community at the end of July. This survey is designed to assess how well the parks and recreational needs of the community are being met. The outcome of the survey will determine whether additional services are desired and if so, how those additional services might be provided and paid for. Currently the City of Sequim does not have a Parks and Recreation Department that provides traditional city recreation programs. If your household receives the survey, please take 10—15 minutes to complete and return the survey. Results should be available by the end of September.

City Council to Consider Department Name Change

On August 22, the Sequim City Council will consider a proposal to change the name of the Planning Department to the Department of Community Development. According to Department Director Chris Hugo, he has proposed the name change to more accurately reflect the broader range of tasks, beyond planning, that occur within the department and to reflect the philosophy that community development represents an outcome of good community. If approved, the formal name change will be effective by the end of the month.

Sequim History—1975

- Council adopted the State Uniform Building Codes
- The Sequim Dungeness Kiwanis Club provided a sign for John Kirner Park located at Third and Pine.
- The Blake's Pond area purchased for a park was formally named "Carrie Blake Park."
- The Lion's Club approached Council requesting they be allowed to develop Carrie Blake Park.
- A carving of the Sequim City Logo was presented by artist, Eli Prkut.
- Plans were under way by the U.S. Post Office to build at its new location on Sunnyside.
- Councilor Keller resigned and was replaced by Jeanne Motan.
- In the November election Oliver Hamilton was elected Mayor and Robert Butrick, Stan Foster, Renee Hansey, Mike Holmberg, Jeanne Motan and Dale Turton were elected Councilors.

National Day of Service and Remembrance— September 10

The City of Sequim will participate again this year in the National Day of Service and Remembrance, Saturday, September 10. If you would like to volunteer to help with community projects for that day, contact the City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 683-4139 or volunteer@ci.sequim.wa.us

City Council Adopts New Temporary, Portable Sign Ordinance

On July 11, 2011 the City Council adopted a new Temporary, Portable Sign Ordinance to bring the city in compliance with a ruling by the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals which states that, with limited exceptions, cities may not control signs by regulating content. The city's previous ordinance needed to be changed to make it enforceable.

Sequim residents are encouraged to visit the city website www.ci.sequim.wa.us/clerk/ordinances.cfm and refer to SMC.18.58 to review the entire ordinance. Following are highlights of the ordinance:

- ◆ No signs are allowed in roundabouts and they cannot block drivers vision of pedestrians and other cars at intersections.
- ◆ People can take down signs put on their property if they have been placed there without their permission.
- ◆ Rummage sale/garage sale/estate sale signs are allowed without a sign permit. One sign can be displayed on the property where the event is being held. Two directional signs are also allowed. The signs are limited to 4 sq. ft. in area.
- ◆ Directional signs for community events may require a permit depending on the complexity of the event. Community events include blood drives, non-profit book sales, non-profit car washes and special events like the Irrigation Festival and Lavender Weekend events. The permits for these events include a signage plan.
- ◆ Political signs do not require a sign permit, are only permitted on private property, and require consent of the property owner. The signs must be removed within 14 days after the election.
- ◆ Banners, bunting, pennants and items of similar nature are prohibited except with special permits.
- ◆ Real estate open house signs are allowed with one sign at the property for sale and two directional signs.

For more information, contact the Code Compliance Officer at 360-683-4908 or e-mail lhopper@ci.sequim.wa.us



**Sequim City Band Performs at
James Center for the Performing Arts**
August 21—3:00 p.m.
Sequim City Band